(b) if so, whether any progress has been made to implement this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Dudhnoi-Depa new Broad Gauge line (15.5 km.) was included in Railway Budget 1992-93.

(b) Due to public agitation and obstruction, State Government could not hand over land for Dudhnoi-Depa rail line. Consequently, State Govt. has proposed alternate alignment from Dudhnoi to Mendipather. Final Location Survey for this alternate alignment has been completed. Land acquisition has been taken up.

(d) Does not arise.

Delhi-Howrah rail line in the range of cracking land

†132. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an apprehension of falling the Howrah-Delhi railway route in the range of cracking land and whether there is an apprehension of Howrah-Delhi railway line and Jhansi- Mirzapur main railway line being affected due to causing 20-20 feet deep cracks near the railway line in four villages of Meja Tehsil of Allahabad; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to avoid any possible accident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There is no apprehension of closing of Howrah-Delhi line in the range of cracking land. Also, there is no apprehension of Jahnsi-Mirzapur main railway line being affected by the cracking of land in the Meja Tehsil of Allahabad.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation to victims of blast on Dibrugarh-Delhi Rajdhani Express

133. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives due to a bomb blast in the Dibrugarh-Delhi Rajdhani Express in December, 2007;

(b) the number out of them who were passengers and railway men separately and the outcome of the statutory enquiry conducted into the blast and action taken thereon; and

(c) the compensation paid to the victims of the bomb blast by his Ministry and other authorities, if any?

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